

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. The 97 Jet Fighter Division is located at the Craiova Airport, where new barracks were built in 1952. The airport was also enlarged and provided with reinforced concrete runways approximately three kilometers long.

Commander: Lt. Col. Aurel Raican  
Political Commissar: Captain Batis

2. The Division is composed of the following units:

One regiment in Craiova, commanded by Major Stefan Gheorghiu.  
One regiment at the Craiova Airport, commanded by Captain Dumitru Balaur.  
One regiment at the Ianca Airport, commanded by Major Ion Tau. He replaced Major Josef Dramba, who was transferred and appointed chief of the General Staff of the 1 Fighter Division.

3. Each regiment is staffed with the best trained personnel, both in the political and professional lines. Both the technical and flight personnel are numerically sufficient to meet the requirements of the organization lists.

4. The division is equipped with the following planes:

35 to 40 MIG-15 planes for each of the regiments located in Craiova.  
20 to 25 YAK-23 planes for the Ianca regiment.  
3 or 4 YAK-11 planes for each regiment.  
2 or 3 PO-2 planes for each regiment.

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